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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: SB488

Co--Chairs Pham and Dembrow and members of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources..

I urge you to support SB 488A with the -7 Amendment to establish and fund a pilot program for continuous monitoring of toxic emissions from the Covanta Marion waste incinerator. This will provide DEQ with valuable information for ensuring cleaner air in our area. Given the large amount of medical waste, much of it trucked to Covanta Marion from other states, it is more important than ever to track the emitted toxins. Medical waste includes a high proportion of plastic which produces dioxins and other highly toxic emissions when burned. SB 488A will help DEQ do its job protecting air quality in Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.